

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
LEE, FLORIDA CRIMINAL ACTION

WARRANT TO ARREST

STATE OF FLORIDA

vs.

RANDALL STEVENS

19CF 488

Race: White	Sex: Male	D.O.B.: 7/31/1975	SSN #: [REDACTED]
Height: 5-10	Weight: 300	Eyes: Blue	Hair: Brown
Address: 4207 SE 3rd Avenue Cape Coral, FL 33914			

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

TO ALL AND SINGULAR SHERIFFS AND OTHER ARRESTING OFFICERS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, Detective Nicholas M. Jones, Cape Coral Police Department, has this day made oath before me, in Lee County, Florida, that Randall Stevens,

1. On one or more occasion between February 01, 2019, and February 06, 2019, in Lee County, Florida, did knowingly or willfully abuse a child, to wit: J.M., by intentionally inflicting physical or mental injury upon said child, contrary to Florida Statute section 827.03(1)(a),

contrary to the statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the STATE OF FLORIDA.

AND it appears to the Court that probable cause for the issuance of this warrant has been shown and the Court being satisfied of the existence of the grounds thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, you are commanded forthwith to arrest the said Randall Stevens and bring him before me or another County or Circuit Judge with jurisdiction to be dealt with according to law.

RE: Randall Stevens

<u> P </u>	Bond to be set by First Appearance Judge
<u> </u>	Bond set at \$ <u> </u>
<u> </u>	No Bond
<u> </u>	Release on Own Recognizance

Given under my hand and seal this 25 day of September, 2019.

[Signature]
Judge, Lee County

LEE COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA
STATE OF FLORIDA VS. RANDALL STEVENS

CHARGE(S):

1) Child Abuse , F.S. 827.03(1)(a), Third Degree Felony

Returnable the <u> </u> day of <u> </u> , A.D., <u> </u> .
FILED THIS <u> </u> DAY OF <u> </u> , <u> </u> .

Received This Warrant
 day of , A.D.,
 , and executed it on the
day of , A.D., ,
by arresting the within-named and having him
now before the Court, ,
 .

FEES: Arrest..... \$
Return.....
Committing to Jail.....
Mileage.....
Release.....
Approving Bond.....
TOTAL: \$

Arresting Officer

WITNESS(ES) FOR STATE:
Cape Coral Police Department
Arresting Agency CR#: 19-002931

SAO Warrant #: 2534511

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**OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
POST OFFICE BOX 399
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33902
(239) 533-1000**

Memorandum

To: Lee County Sheriff's Department, Records Division
From: State Attorney's Office, Felony Intake Division
Re: Preliminary Extradition Instruction on Warrant For:
Name: Randall Stevens
Race: White **Sex:** Male **DOB:** 7/31/1975
Charge(s): 1) Child Abuse , F.S. 827.03(1)(a), Third Degree Felony

Date: 9 / 20 / 19 **Initials:** NS

FOR PURPOSES OF ENTRY OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED WARRANT INTO THE FCIC AND NCIC COMPUTER SYSTEMS, OUR PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE LIMITS OF EXTRADITION FOR THIS WARRANT ARE AS CHECKED BELOW:

- ☐ ENTIRE U.S.
- ☐ CONTINENTAL U.S.
- ☐ EASTERN AND SOUTHWEST U.S.
- ☐ EASTERN U.S.
- ☐ SOUTHEAST U.S.
- ☐ ADJACENT STATES
- ☒ FLORIDA ONLY (FCIC ONLY)

THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS ARE VALID AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE ONLY. PLEASE RECONFIRM EXTRADITION WITH STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PRIOR TO ACTUAL EXTRADITION.

THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE RESERVES ITS RIGHT NOT TO EXTRADITE ANY SUBJECT AT ANY TIME, BASED UPON THE CASE SITUATION, FUGITIVE'S LOCATION, OR OTHER FACTORS EXISTING AT THE TIME THE FUGITIVE IS LOCATED.

THIS MEMO SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE RECORDS COPY OF WARRANT

NKS:SN

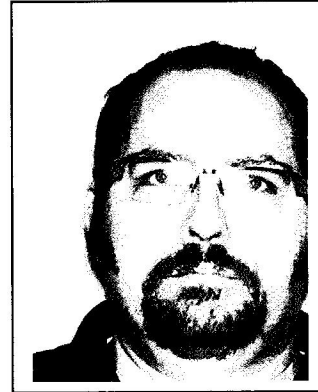
**IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF
FLORIDA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEE:**

STATE OF FLORIDA:

**AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION
FOR ARREST WARRANT**

Vs.

Name: Randall Stevens
Address: 4207 SE 3rd Ave
City / Sate / Zip: Cape Coral/Florida/33914
DOB: 07-31-1975
RACE: White/Male
Ht. / Wt. / Build: 510-/300/Heavy
Hair / Eyes: Blue/Brown
FL. DL #: S315730752710
SS #: [REDACTED]



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BEFORE ME, a notary public in and for Lee County Florida, personally appeared Nicholas Jones, a Detective for the Cape Coral Police Department, who after being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has probable cause to believe and does believe that Randell Stevens violated the laws of the State of Florida, in Cape Coral, Lee County Florida.

The law of the State of Florida has been violated, to wit:

1.) Child Abuse F.S.S. 827.03 Third Degree Felony

YOUR AFFIANT, having investigated the criminal matter hereinabove listed, obtained the following facts hereinafter set forth:

On February 11, 2019 at 1132 hours in the City of Cape Coral, County of Lee, Florida, School Resource Officer A. Miller of the Cape Coral Police Department was informed of a child abuse incident by teacher Michelle Perez at Skyline Elementary School.

According to Perez she observed a very large bruise on the right thigh of [REDACTED] ars [REDACTED] who is one of her students. [REDACTED] stated that his dad hit him six times with a belt on Wednesday February 06, 2019. A check of school records by Officer Miller revealed that [REDACTED] was then absent from school on Thursday February 07, as well as Friday February 08. [REDACTED] stated that he was hit because he brought home a pair of scissors from school. [REDACTED] informed Michelle Perez that his dad also hits his brothers with a belt. Given the size of the injury and story told by [REDACTED] Perez took a photograph of the bruise and notified SRO Miller.

I was contacted by SRO Miller about the incident and arrived at Skyline Elementary School. Upon arrival to the school I spoke with Officer Miller who informed me of the details and showed me the photograph of the bruise on [REDACTED] leg. While at the school I learned that [REDACTED] is a foster child of Randell and Delis Stevens. I also learned that there are other foster children in the home known as [REDACTED]

Delis Stevens also had one adopted child in the home identified as [REDACTED]. I contacted DCF and spoke with DCF Investigator Emily Higgs. Higgs agreed to come to Skyline Elementary and have an emergency CPT done.

Upon arrival to CPT I met with Child Forensic Specialist Yamelit Sola. Sola was informed of the investigation. Sola interviewed [REDACTED] stated that he was inside his room when his dad hit him with a belt. [REDACTED] described the belt as being a black belt and also stated that “ sometimes everyone gets spankings”. Sola asked [REDACTED] where he was hit on his body and [REDACTED] pointed to his right thigh. [REDACTED] stated that his dad made him pull his pants down and that his mom was in the house when he received the “spankings”. [REDACTED] stated that he has been hit on different days but didn’t want to talk about it. [REDACTED] was was shy and reserved and did not provide many details as he appeared scared and uncomfortable. The interview of [REDACTED] by Sola was recorded.

Sola then conducted a recorded interview of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was “spanked” by their dad with a belt on his leg. [REDACTED] stated that he observed Randell Stevens strike [REDACTED] with a black belt on his leg. [REDACTED] stated that his mom was in the house at the time. [REDACTED] also stated that his dad spanks him with a belt and leaves marks. [REDACTED] was also reserved and quiet. He appeared to be scared and did not feel comfortable disclosing information. [REDACTED] stated that he does not know a lot but knows that his dad spanks his brothers with a belt. [REDACTED] also stated that if they get in trouble sometimes they do not eat.

At the conclusion of the CPT interviews Detective Bell and I went with DCF Investigator Higgs to the home of Randell and Delis Stevens located at 4207 SE 3rd Ave. Upon making contact with Randell and Delis they invited us into their home. Both stated that they were now aware of the investigation and agreed to cooperate. Upon walking into the home the smell of animal urine was overwhelming. The home was not clean and was in disarray. My attention was immediately drawn to a litter box on the kitchen table with animal feces inside of it. The Stevens' informed me that the litter box was for their Ferrets. The children's rooms did not have electricity. The ceiling fans were broken and I observed numerous holes in the walls and doors.

I interviewed Randell Stevens in regards to the incident and children. I began to tell Randell that we were aware of marks and he immediately interrupted me stating, "on his leg". Randell continued saying that he () got them last wee for some bad behavior. Randall admitted to spanking () and stated that instead of just getting it straight to the butt, () moved and the belt his leg. Randell stated that he spanked () with the belt four or five times for destroying the other kids toys. At that time Delis Stevens intervned and stated that () was cutting the other kids toys with scissors that he took home from school. Delis stated that they usually pat () down when he gets home but did not this time. Delis stated that () has behavioral issues. Randell stated that he did not mean to spank () leg but that he meant to hit his butt. Both Randell and Delis stated that they use other forms of discipline and that spanking is a last resort. Delis identified a white board in the home she uses to make the kids perform "crappy jobs". Jobs they are tasked with include pulling weeds, cleaning baseboards, and moving rocks. Delis stated that they "try to make discipline so bad that they do not want to do it again." I asked Randell and Delis if they typically hit with a belt? Delis replied with "I don't." Randell replied with, "yes, sometimes with the hand and sometimes with the belt. Usually it is one swat maybe two, but with his behavior he got four or five. When he got hit () he started calling me names and being disrespectful, so he got an extra one for that." Randell stated that he has never left marks before but that he did see bruising the next day. I asked if () did not go to school the next two days due to the bruising left on his leg and Delis stated, "no he's gone to school with bruises before." I asked Randell how he hit () in his leg only from () turning due to Randell hitting him multiple times. Randell stated, "What I tell him

to do is when it is time for your spanking, put your hands on the bed that way your hands are not getting in the way and I have a clean target.” Randell demonstrated turning around, bending over, and placing both hands on the bed while stick out his rear.

I asked Randell and Delis if they send the kids to bed without eating. Delis replied, “no” while Randell replied, “one night”. Delis stated, “you eat what is in front of you. We don’t make special meals. If you choose not to eat that’s your problem.”

I questioned Randell and Delis about the broken things in the home to include the fan, light, and window. Randell stated that he tried to fix the things that were broken in the home but he has not been able to.

After questioning Randell and Delis Stevens, DCF Investigator Higgs removed all children from the home. The children were put in temporary custody with other foster parents. Higgs expressed her concerns for the children in the home.

A check through DCF of Randell and Delis Stevens revealed multiple prior reports of child abuse however none were substantiated.

On February 20th, 2019 [REDACTED]
taken to CPT for interviews by CPT Forensic Specialist Y. Sola.

Interview of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that she had to stay with her sister because her daddy spanked [REDACTED] on the leg. [REDACTED] confirmed that [REDACTED] was hit with a belt and said, “Sometimes Daddy spans me with a belt in the butt, and sometimes mommy spans me with a shoe.” [REDACTED] stated that she does see her dad hit her brothers and that she saw a mark on [REDACTED] from getting spanked by her dad.

Interview of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he is with a new mom and dad and stated that they are nice. [REDACTED] stated that his old mom and dad are mean because of the spankings. He said they were spanked with a belt. Sola asked [REDACTED] if they were given food every day and he stated that they did not. According to [REDACTED] they only received food if they were good, and if they were bad they received only grapes. If they were good then they could have peanut butter and jell and carrots.

Interview of [REDACTED]

Sola asked [REDACTED] if he received spankings for being bad. He said that his “fake mom” spans them with her hand or with her slipper, and that his dad spans him with his hand. [REDACTED] stated that when the other kids were spanked their dad used a belt. [REDACTED] stated that he observed a large bruise on [REDACTED] leg and that [REDACTED] was crying. [REDACTED] stated that his mom spanked the other kids with a belt and that he did not feel safe.

Interview of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told Y. Sola that they don’t live with Randell and Delis anymore because of what happened to [REDACTED]. Joel stated that [REDACTED] was whipped by his dad with a belt and that sometime their dad tells them to pull their pants down. According to [REDACTED] the kids would be put in their room and they would not get any food. [REDACTED] stated that at night is stomach would growl, and if they were loud in their

room then they would not get breakfast. [REDACTED] stated that his dad spanked them with a belt, his hand, a shoe, and sandal. [REDACTED] stated that they would get spanked on their butt, as well as the back of their legs and arms. He stated that their dad would "whoop" them and that their dad and mom would be happy about it. [REDACTED] stated that their mom would also hit them with a belt, as well as with her hand and shoes. He also stated that she would grab his ear and that it would get red. When asking [REDACTED] if he felt safe in the home he replied "no". One thing of note from [REDACTED] was that he stated if the kids wet the bed they would get a cold shower as punishment.

Interview of [REDACTED]

CPT Specialist Sola attempted to interview [REDACTED] did not make any disclosures and refused to answer questions regarding Randell and Delis Stevens.

Witness Interviews:

After several weeks of the children being in new foster homes, I made contact with the foster parents. I interviewed the new foster parents in regards to the children possibly disclosing information about Randell and Delis Stevens.

Interview of Jacob and Mareike Stoutenburgh:

Jacob and Mareike Stoutenburgh are the new foster parents for [REDACTED]. I had the occasion to interview Jacob and Mareike at the Cape Coral Police Department. Both Jacob and Mareike stated that they did not ask the boys direct questions, however both [REDACTED] began to disclose things that happened at the "mean house". The boys referred to Delis Stevens as the mean mom. One thing in particular the boys disclosed was that if they wet the bed, Delis Stevens would make them take cold showers. Punishment of cold showers were also mentioned by [REDACTED] during his CPT interview. The boys also stated that they would be put in their room all day and would not eat all the time. Both children also made mention of being hit with a belt as punishment.

Interview of Kimberly Cross:

Kimberly Cross is the new foster parent for [REDACTED]. I had occasion to meet with Kimberly and interview her in reference to any disclosures made by [REDACTED]. According to Kimberly, she was reading a book to [REDACTED] before bed and he stated, "it's not nice to put people in cages". Kimberly asked him what he meant by that and [REDACTED] informed him that Randall and Delis Stevens would punish the boys by putting them in a cage like an animal. [REDACTED] also told Kimberly about the boys being locked in their room for long periods of time and were forgot. [REDACTED] stated that they would be in the room so long that they would have to pee and poop in the closet because they would not be let out to use the bathroom. [REDACTED] told Kimberly about Jondel being hit with a belt and that Randall and Delis told the boys that being hit was ok because "the Bible says that's what they are supposed to do."

Interview of Christen Shelton:

Christen Shelton is the new foster parent for [REDACTED]. I had occasion to meet with Christen and interview her in reference to any disclosures made by [REDACTED]. According to Christen [REDACTED] informed her that the boys were also hit by Amber Dauberman. Amber is the adult daughter or Randell and Delis Stevens. [REDACTED] stated that Amber would hit them with a belt and lock them in

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their room while she watched them in the Stevens home. [REDACTED] also stated that they were hit because "the Bible says that's what they are supposed to do."

Interview of Lisa Klutsarits:

Lisa Klutsarits is the new foster parent for [REDACTED]. I had occasion to meet with Lisa and interview her in reference to any disclosures made by [REDACTED]. According to Lisa [REDACTED] would disclose information to her while laying in bed before he went to sleep. Lisa stated that she would write down things told to her by [REDACTED]. Lisa stated that [REDACTED] informed her that he was hit with a belt every day. [REDACTED] stated that all the children were hit with a belt. [REDACTED] stated that they would have to pull down their pants before being hit with a belt. [REDACTED] described being locked in their room for long periods of time in excess of 24 hours. In order for the boys to come out they would have to be quiet the next morning. [REDACTED] stated that they were in the room so long that they would have to pee and poop inside the closet. After defecating in the closet they would have to scoop it up with their hands and throw it out the window without getting caught. [REDACTED] stated that they were drug into the closet and whipped with the belt if they were caught. Lisa states that [REDACTED] wets the bed almost every night. [REDACTED] informed her that if he wet the bed in the Stevens home that he was forced to take a cold shower and sometimes hit with a belt. Lisa states that [REDACTED] mentions the cold showers frequently to her. [REDACTED] also stated that he would have to scrub the bedroom floor of Randell and Delis Stevens with a toothbrush. Lisa also stated that [REDACTED] told her how dirty the home was and the floor was always covered with animal feces. Lisa stated that due to being traumatized in the Stevens home he has issues with doors being shut. Lisa stated that [REDACTED] was very close to [REDACTED] would say that [REDACTED] would sneak to their room and try to "save them" by unlocking their bedroom door, so that they boys could use the bathroom. [REDACTED] was caught and was threatened to be hit with the belt. [REDACTED] stated that he and [REDACTED] would try to jump out the window to escape. [REDACTED] was locked in a dog cage and sprayed with water. During that time Randell and Delis Stevens told him that "if he was going to act like an animal, they would treat him like an animal." He was put in the cage, had cold water dumped on him, and laughed at him. [REDACTED] stated that the boys were given a plate of food in the morning and if they did not eat it then it would be their next meal. If the boys still did not eat it, the food would sit out sometimes for days until the food became rotten, however they were still expected to eat it. [REDACTED] stated that if he did eat breakfast and left a couple of bites on the plate, those couple of bites were all that he could have for lunch. Lisa commented on the amount of food that [REDACTED] will eat in the morning. She stated that he eats quickly and that he eats more than her and her husband combined. [REDACTED] stated that Delis would bite the children as punishment. [REDACTED] also stated that Delis would put her mouth directly up to the boys ears and scream as loud as she possibly could. He described being "popped in the mouth" as punishment. Delis threatened to cut off their "pee pees" for misbehaving. [REDACTED] stated that there were times [REDACTED] "served his time" in his room and Delis would unlock the door the next morning and told him you can't come out while laughing at him. [REDACTED] stated he was so upset about being treated this way and being locked in the room that he banged his head against the bed frame causing his head to split open. He now has a visible scar on his head from it. [REDACTED] stated that he did not receive any medical treatment for that incident. [REDACTED] stated that they were told frequently that they were hit with the belt because "that's what the Bible says to do."

Based upon all victim statements, witness statements, statement of suspects, and photographs of injuries, probable cause exists that Randell Stevens and Delis Stevens did knowingly abuse [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] by intentionally inflicting physical and mental injury while under the age of eighteen.

A warrant request for the arrest of Randell and Delis Stevens was sent to the State Attorney's Office pending approval.

The above was done contrary to Florida Statutes in such cases made and provided,
and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

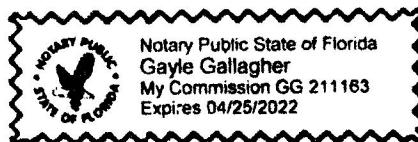
Det. Nicholas Jones

Detective

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEE

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 14 day of June, 2019
by Nicholas Jones.

Gayle Gallagher
Signature of Notary Public, State of Florida



Gayle Gallagher
Printed Name of Notary Public

Personally Known X OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification: _____